

## The Williamsburg Players

P.O. Box 91, 200 Hubbard Lane Williamsburg, VA 23187 "Community Theatre at its Best"

August 23, 2005

Timothy C. Cross, MCP
Principal Planner
County of York, Planning Division
Department of Financial Services and Management Services 120 Alexander Hamilton Blvd.
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RE: Williamsburg Players Special Use Permit R01-152

Dear Mr Cross,

The Williamsburg Players Board of Directors humbly requests the Board of Supervisors that the County of York approve an additional extension of the Special Use Permit R01-152 as approved on September 18th, 2001. Following our permit approval in 2001, our architect, engineer and contractor completed the conceptual design phase for the site and building in order to arrive at realistic construction costs and budgets. We also submitted our site plan to the county staff for review, and have received comments. We are still working with the various designers to resolve some of the comments and finalize the design.

As an all volunteer organization, we are concerned about carrying a debt or mortgage. Therefore, we have an aggressive goal for fund raising before we break ground in order to limit our risk of financial exposure due to borrowing funds for construction. Since our Special Use Permit amendment approval and first extension, we have increased our community profile and have made significant strides in gathering community support. We presently have sufficient funds in hand to begin the site work portion of the project but do not expect to complete the site plan approval process, engage a contractor and begin site work prior to the existing September 18, 2005 deadline. In addition we have just elected a new Board of Directors who will need to become familiar with the details of the project.

Therefore, the Williamsburg Players humbly requests an additional two (2) year extension to our Special Use permit amendment approval period. During that time we feel we can complete the site design and underwrite the financial requirements of the site work as well as resolve the building design issues and prepare for the final phase of our expansion. This will allow the organization to be capable of expanding without a significant risk of being over-extended.

Thank you for your consideration and support. Attached please also find a check written to the Treasurer, County of York for the \$100.00 extension fee. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at (757) 220-0465.

William F. Hinson Jr. PE,

President, Williamsburg Players, Inc.